

Meeting:	Grants Advisory Panel
Date:	5 th September 2005
Subject:	Harrow Heritage Trust – Heritage Grant
Responsible Officer:	Director of Financial and Business Strategy
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Portfolio Holder:	Communications, Partnership & Human Resources
Key Decision:	No

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

To agree to recommend to Cabinet approval of a heritage grant of £15,000 to the Harrow Heritage Trust.

Reason for report

To enable Harrow Heritage Trust to continue their renovation work of historical buildings in the Borough.

Benefits

The renovation work carried out by the Trust helps to preserve Harrow's historical buildings and enhances local people's appreciation of their heritage.

Cost of Proposals

£15,000 to be met from the capital programme, if approved.

Risks

None arising from this report.

Implications if recommendations rejected

Harrow Heritage Trust's ability to continue with this valuable work will be severely affected.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

2.1.1 The Harrow Heritage Trust applied in this financial year for a revenue grant of £9,000 and a heritage grant of £15,000. The Grants Advisory Panel considered the organisation's revenue grant application on 24th January 2005. The Panel agreed to recommend to Cabinet a revenue grant of £9,000, but did not consider the request for a heritage grant, as the Cabinet normally considers this as part of the capital grants allocations.

2.2.2 Cabinet approved the Panel's recommendations on the revenue grant allocations for 2005/06 on 17th March 2005. The report to Cabinet failed to mention the organisation's request for a capital grant of £15,000 (heritage grant).

2.2 Options considered

2.2.1 On examining the minutes of the Grants Advisory Panel's meeting of 24th January 2005 and the minutes of Cabinet of 17th March 2005, officers realised that the Panel's request for a capital grant of £15,000, which Cabinet has been approving for the past few years, had not been adequately reported.

2.2.2 This report seeks to address this issue by obtaining the Panel's support for a request to Cabinet for a capital grant of £15,000 to be paid to the Harrow Heritage Trust to enable the organisation to continue with its sterling work of restoration and preservation of the Borough's historical buildings.

2.3 Consultation

2.3.1 None

2.4 Financial Implications

2.4.1 This sum is not already in the approved capital programme and the Panel will need to seek approval from Cabinet for this purpose.

2.5 Legal Implications

None

2.6 Equalities Impact

2.6.1 The restoration and preservation work undertaken by the Trust benefits the whole of the community and helps to engender a sense of pride in the Borough's cultural heritage. The Trust has been making great efforts to encourage the Borough's diverse communities to become involved in the various aspects of its work and to share in the appreciation of the Borough's unique architectural heritage.

Section 3: Supporting Information/ Background Documents

None

List other background papers that are available on request: